

81. (New) A snowboard boot according to Claim 74, further comprising an upper shell portion connected to a lower shell portion, wherein the upper shell portion can flex medially and laterally.

B1 82. (New) A snowboard boot according to Claim 81, wherein the upper shell portion is pivotally connected to the lower shell portion.

83. (New) A snowboard boot according to Claim 81, wherein the upper shell portion is received in a lateral slot in the lower shell portion.